Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1   1. (Currently Amended) A method for data sharing, comprising:

2   storing first private data within a first private data memory associated with a first sharing

3   partner, wherein the first private data is accessible to only the first sharing partner;

4   selecting a portion of the first private data to provide a first private data portion;

5   selecting a second sharing partner associated with the first sharing partner;

6   associating the first private data portion with the second sharing partner, wherein the

7   associating the first private data portion with the second sharing partner includes:

8   creating a first data tag including one or more of a first sharing partner tag

9   portion associated with the first sharing partner, a selected sharing partners tag

10   portion associated with the second sharing partner, a data identifier tag portion, or

11   a data time identifier tag portion; and

12   associating the first data tag with the first private data portion to provide a

13   first private tagged data portion, wherein the first private tagged data portion is

14   accessible to only the first sharing partner;

15   pushing, upon initiation by the first sharing partner, data in accordance with the first

16 private tagged data portion from the first sharing partner to the second sharing partner as a first

17 replicated data portion;

18   storing second private data within a second private data memory associated with the

19 second sharing partner, wherein the second private data is accessible to only the second sharing

20 partner;

21   selecting a portion of the second private data to provide a second private data portion;

22   selecting the first sharing partner;

23   associating the second private data portion with the first sharing partner, wherein the

24 associating the second private data portion with the first sharing partner includes:

25   creating a second data tag including one or more of a second sharing
26   partner tag portion associated with the second sharing partner, a selected sharing
27   partners tag portion associated with the first sharing partner, a data identifier tag
28   portion, or a data time identifier tag portion; and
29   associating the second data tag with the second private data portion to
30   provide a second private tagged data portion, wherein the second private tagged
31   data portion is accessible to only the second sharing partner;
32   pushing, upon initiation by the second sharing partner, data in accordance with the
33   second private tagged data portion from the second sharing partner to the first sharing partner as
34   a second replicated data portion;
35   altering the first private tagged data portion with the first sharing partner; and
36   automatically pushing, upon initiation by the first sharing partner, data in accordance
37   with the altered first private tagged data portion from the first sharing partner to the second
38   sharing partner as a respective updated replicated data portion to replace the first replicated data
39   portion.

1   2. (Cancelled)

1   3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the associating the first private data
2   portion with the second sharing partner further includes:
1   creating a copy of the first private tagged data portion in a first shared data memory
2   associated with the first sharing partner to provide a first private tagged copied data portion,
3   wherein the first private tagged copied data portion is accessible to only the first sharing partner;
4   and
5   associating the first private tagged copied data portion with the second sharing partner
6   indicated by the selected sharing partners tag portion.

1   4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein pushing the data in accordance with
2   the first private tagged data portion from the first sharing partner to the second sharing partner

3 includes pushing, upon initiation by the first sharing partner, the first private tagged copied data

4 portion from the first shared memory to a second shared data memory associated with the second

5 sharing partner to provide the first replicated data portion.

1 5. (Cancelled)

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1<u>2</u>, wherein pushing the data in accordance with

2 the first private <u>tagged</u> data portion from the first sharing partner to the second sharing partner

3 includes pushing, upon initiation by the first sharing partner, the first private tagged data portion

4 from the first private data memory to a shared data memory associated with the second sharing

5 partner to provide the first replicated data portion.

1 7. (Canceled)

1 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further including altering at least one of the

2 first private data portion, the data tag, the first private tagged data portion, the first private tagged

3 copied data portion, or the first replicated data portion.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further including automatically updating, upon

2 initiation by the first sharing partner, at least one of the first private tagged data portion, the first

3 private tagged copied data portion, or the first replicated data portion in accordance with the first

4 private data portion ~~when~~ <u>concurrently with an alteration of</u> the first private data portion ~~is~~

5 ~~altered~~ by the first sharing partner.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein altering the data tag further includes

2 selecting the second sharing partner with a graphical user interface associated with the data tag

3 and the first sharing partner.

1   11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the selecting the second sharing

2   partner includes altering the selected sharing partners tag portion with the graphical user

3   interface.

1   12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further including automatically updating,

2   upon initiation by the first sharing partner, at least one of the first private tagged data portion and

3   the first replicated data portion in accordance with the first private data portion ~~when~~

4   concurrently with alteration of the first private data portion ~~is altered~~ by the first sharing partner.

1   13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first sharing partner and the

2   second sharing partner are associated with military allies, and the first and second private data

3   portion corresponds to military data.

1   14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the military allies are located in different

2   countries.

1   15. (Currently Amended) A data sharing apparatus comprising:

2   a first sharing partner including:

3   a first client computer; and

4   a first sharing partner server coupled to the first client computer, wherein the first

5   sharing partner server includes a first private data memory having a first private data portion,

6   wherein the first private data portion is accessible to only the first sharing partner, and wherein

7   the first private data portion is tagged with one or more of a first sharing partner tag portion

8   associated with the first sharing partner, a selected sharing partners tag portion associated with

9   the second sharing partner, a data identifier tag portion, or a data time identifier tag portion to

10   provide a first private tagged data portion accessible to only the first sharing partner; and

11   a second sharing partner including:

12   a second client computer; and

13   a second sharing partner server coupled to the second client computer, wherein

14   the second sharing partner server includes a second private data memory having a second private

15   data portion, wherein the second private data portion is accessible to only the second sharing

16   partner, wherein the second private data portion is tagged with one or more of a second sharing

17   partner tag portion associated with the second sharing partner, a selected sharing partners tag

18   portion associated with the first sharing partner, a data identifier tag portion, or a data time

19   identifier tag portion to provide a second private tagged data portion accessible to only the

20   second sharing partner, and wherein the first sharing partner is adapted to push, upon initiation

21   by the first sharing partner, data in accordance with the first private tagged data portion to the

22   second sharing partner as a first replicated data portion, wherein the first replicated data portion

23   is accessible to the second sharing partner, and wherein the second sharing partner is adapted to

24   push, upon initiation by the second sharing partner, data in accordance with the second private

25   tagged data portion to the first sharing partner as a second replicated data portion, wherein the

26   second replicated data portion is accessible to the first sharing partner.

1   16. (Currently Amended) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first sharing

2   partner server further includes a first shared data memory adapted to receive, upon initiation by

3   the first sharing partner, a first private tagged copied data portion in accordance with the first

4   private tagged data portion, wherein the first private tagged copied data portion is accessible to

5   only the first sharing partner, and the second sharing partner server further includes a second

6   shared data memory adapted to receive, upon initiation by the first sharing partner, the first

7   replicated data portion in accordance with the first private tagged copied data portion from the

8   first shared data memory.

1   17. (Currently Amended) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second sharing

2   partner server further comprises a shared data memory adapted to receive, upon initiation by the

3   first sharing partner, the first replicated data portion in accordance with the first private tagged

4   data portion from the first private data memory.

1   18. (Previously Presented) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first sharing

2   partner and the second sharing partner are associated with military allies, and the first private

3   data portion corresponds to military data.

1   19. (Original) The data sharing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the military allies are in different

2   countries.

1   20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further including automatically updating at

2   ~~least one of~~ the first private tagged data portion and the first replicated data portion in accordance

3   with the first private data portion ~~when~~ concurrently with alteration of the first private data

4   portion ~~is altered~~ by the first sharing partner.

1   21. (Canceled)

1   22. (Canceled)

1   23. (Canceled)